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SUBJ: DIA REPRESENTATIVE VISIT TO PERSIAN GULF OIL FACILITIES

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1. REFTEL NOTES THAT DIA PETROLEUM ANALYST, EUGENE BOZAY, PLANS ON-SITE VISITS TO OIL FACILITIES IN KUWAIT, IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND UAE IN CONNECTION WITH "SPECIAL STUDIES" ON GULF FACILITIES. REFTEL ALSO REQUESTS TO KNOW FEASIBILITY OF ACCESS TO FACILITIES DURING SUCH VISITS AND REQUESTS SUGGESTIONS FOR "ORIENTATION VISIT" IF ON-SITE VISITS ARE CONSIDERED SENSITIVE.

2. REQUEST DEPARTMENT EXPLORE BOZAY'S PLANS IN DETAIL, PARTICULARLY REGARDING PERSONAL CONTACT IN KUWAIT, AND DETERMINE WHETHER DIA NEEDS COULD BE FULFILLED BY MEANS OTHER THAN ON-SITE VISITS. AT THIS STAGE, EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE USEFULNESS OF VISITS TO KUWAITI FACILITIES. WE BELIEVE THAT THE FACT OF A DIA VISIT WOULD BE HIGHLY SENSITIVE, HOWEVER, IN
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VIEW OF CONTINUED PRESS AND GOK ATTENTION TO REPORTED USG MILITARY CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR "INTERVENTION" IN THE GULF. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, PHYSICAL ACCESS TO KUWAITI FACILITIES IS RELATIVELY OPEN, EXCEPT FOR THE MINA AL-AHMADI PORT FACILITIES, AND THERE IS VOLUMINOUS DATA ALREADY PUBLICLY AVAILABLE CONCERNING KUWAITI FACILITIES, PRODUCTION, ETC. ALL AHMADI FACILITIES WERE BUILT BY GULF/BP AND DETAILED INFORMATION ON THESE INSTALLATIONS

IS READILY AVAILABLE. SHOULD MR. BOZAY WISH TO GET MORE OF A
"FEEL" FOR KUWAIT THAN VOLUMINOUS REPORTS CAN PROVIDE, HE MAY
WISH TO CONTACT NEA/ARP, AND INR PETROLEUM ANALYST DAVID
VANCE WHO MADE AN ORIENTATION TOUR SIMILAR TO TRIP BOZAY
PROPOSES IN SEPTEMBER 1977.
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